

NATION-WIDE WIRE TIEUP THREATENED

Berlin to Send U. S. Senators Text of Treaty

123D MAY BE HOME WITHIN NEXT 24 HRS

PARIS LEARNS GERMANY WILL SUPPLY COPIES

Huns Sending Duplicates of Pact—Johnson Resolution Up.

Paris, June 6.—It is understood here that the Berlin government is sending photographically reproduced copies of the peace terms to every United States senator and representative.

The British correspondents in Paris have begun an investigation as to why their first dispatches regarding the discussion of the necessity of peace treaty changes by the council of four were held up for 13 hours. The dispatches reached the newspapers too late for publication in the current issues.

Washington, June 6.—With indications that a vote would be reached during the day on Senator Johnson's resolution calling upon the state department to furnish the senate with a copy of the full text of the peace treaty with Germany, debate on the treaty and the league of nations was resumed in the senate today.

Senator Hitchcock's resolution demanding an investigation of the statements by Republican senators that copies of the treaty are in the hands of several persons in New York whose names were not given, which precipitated the general discussion yesterday in which heated partisan statements were shot back and forth, and in which Senator Borah charged the league of nations was "a treacherous scheme to betray the American people," was not expected to be brought up again before Monday but the Johnson resolution permitted resumption of the debate today.

Borah Has no Copy Yet.

So far Senator Borah, who announced Wednesday he would propose to have the treaty read into the record if he could secure one of the copies of the text, said to be in New York, has not received the copy.

Although he is known to be watching the senate situation very closely, President Wilson has not yet taken any action in the controversy.

Senator Hitchcock's resolution for investigation of how copies of the unpublished treaty with Germany have reached New York, was reported out of committee today, but efforts to get immediate consideration were blocked by Chairman Lodge of the foreign affairs committee. Senator Lodge objected and said the language of the resolution should be improved.

TREATY BUILT ON '14 POINTS' SAYS WILSON

President Asserts Pact Violates None of His Principles.

Paris, June 6.—"I am convinced that our treaty object violates none of my principles," President Wilson is quoted by the Matin as having said when he was made acquainted with the German counter proposals to the peace treaty.

"If I held a contrary opinion I would not hesitate to confess it and would endeavor to correct the error. The treaty as drawn up, however, entirely conforms with my 14 points."

May Meet Hun Request.

It is probable that the allied and associated powers will comply with the German demand to state approximately, the maximum sum which Germany must pay in reparation under the peace treaty, according to the Matin. This sum, it states, will be from 200,000,000,000 to 250,000,000,000 francs. (The larger sum named, on a gold valuation, would be not far from \$50,000,000,000.)

civies was undampened, as bareheaded, they awaited at 10:30 this morning, Rock Island and Moline's reception committee, composed of Mayors Schriver and Skinner, Dr. G. A. Andren, Captain W. W. Scott, who arrived from Chicago. The committee immediately proceeded to Camp Grant and visited among officers and men of both batteries. Every effort being made by Mayors Schriver and Skinner to bring Battery B home through Rock Island together with Battery F. It is extremely doubtful whether this can be accomplished.

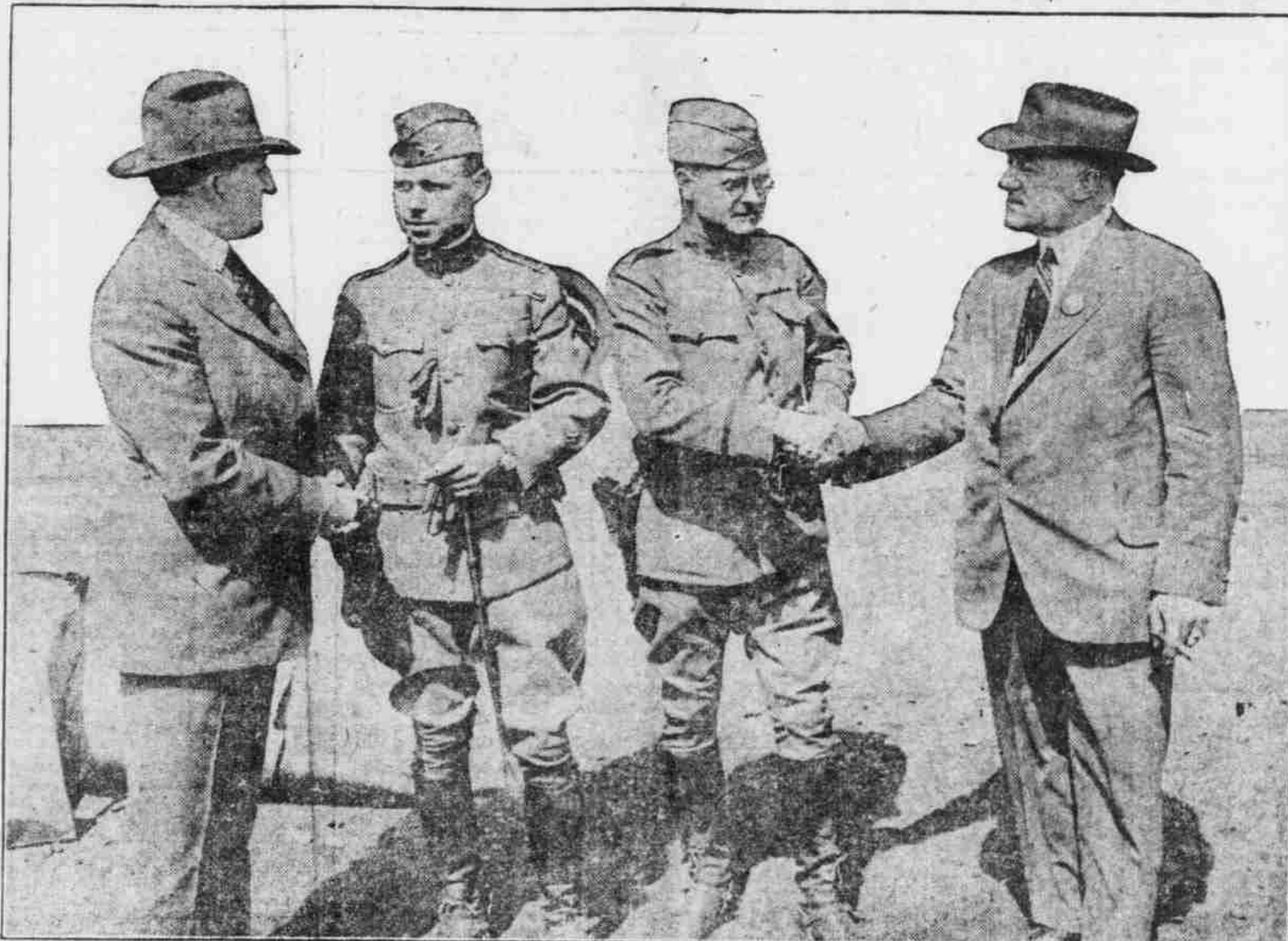
The batteries are being rushed through the barracks in order A, B, C, D, E, and F, which means Rock Island will be the last.

Dunavin Home Earlier.

It is stated Major Dunavin may be barely possible to complete work tomorrow noon, especially if the pay roll is available then. Last night the Illinois men were hustled through light medical examination, essential before discharge.

What are folks back home doing? "Will they be glad to see us?" "Are they going to have a big time?" are current questions asked among men. When assured that a whole-souled demonstration is on tap, smiles of pleased anticipation spread over their faces.

Welcoming the 123rd at Chicago Yesterday



Left to Right—Mayor C. P. Skinner of Moline greeting Col. Charles G. Davis of Geneseo, commander of the One Hundred Twenty-third, and Major Ed Dunavin of Rock Island shaking hands with Mayor Harry M. Schriver.



Batteries of One Hundred Twenty-third field artillery marching south on State street in platoon front formation.

OPPOSE SALE OF MARINE STOCK TO BRITISH CONCERN

New York, June 6.—Directors of the American International corporation, a large stockholder in the International Mercantile Marine company, announced today that they had instructed their executive officers to vote against the proposed sale to a British syndicate of the British assets of the Mercantile Marine company.

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, probably showers, not much change in temperature. Temperature at 7 a. m., 58; highest yesterday, 71; lowest last night 57. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 4 miles per hour. Precipitation, .12 inch. Stage of water, 7 feet, a rise of 14 in last 24 hours. J. M. Sherier, Meteorologist.

ADDRESS WILL BE GIVEN WILSON ON VISIT IN BELGIUM

Brussels, June 6.—The Belgian socialist party has decided to present to President Wilson, while he is here, an address dealing with the treaty of peace. Last evening's newspapers stated that President Poincaré, of France, would come to Brussels following the visit of President Wilson.

TIME STRENUOUS FOR ROCK ISLAND FOLK IN CHICAGO

(Special to The Argus).

Chicago, June 6.—Rock Island's and Moline's official reception committee spent a strenuous day yesterday in following the heroes of their own cities from train to Grant Park, to lunch at the Hotel LaSalle, and back to the train again. Mayor Schriver declared when it was over that he had walked a thousand miles if he had gone an inch. And he was about right. After they had seen the boys safely aboard their specials for Camp Grant, the delegations made for their respective rooms and took a much needed rest, so as to start fresh this morning. They left for the Milwaukee road at 8 o'clock this morning for Camp Grant.

There were many happy families that greeted their own boys, but none presented a more happy picture than that of the Larkin family of Rock Island. Their own particular hero was Lieutenant William Larkin, known as "Pete" to nearly all Rock Island, and the Lieutenant certainly looked the part of the returning conqueror yesterday.

An Argus staff man saw the family for the last time just after Lieutenant Larkin had been dined at the Hotel LaSalle. They were walking along Madison street, "Pete" naturally being the center of the group and each had a hold of him in some way.

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MINE DISASTER INQUIRY BEGUN

Investigations Started Into Wilkesbarre Explosion—83 Men Dead and 50 Injured.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 6.—State and local authorities were conducting separate investigations into the explosion at the tunnel of the Delaware and Hudson coal company yesterday that cost the lives of 83 men and the injury of 50 others. A large number of the injured were seriously burned and maimed and it is feared that many of them can not recover.

WIRE CONTROL NOT RELEASED BY BURLESON?

Only "Passed Buck" in Face of Strike, Congressmen Claim.

Washington, June 6.—Postmaster General Burleson's order abolishing the wire control board in New York and restoring the operation of the telephone and telegraph properties to officials of the companies, acting as agents of the government, was attacked today by members of congress, some of whom charged that Mr. Burleson had "passed the buck" because of the threatened nation-wide strike of members of the Commercial Telegraphers Union of America.

Immediately after Mr. Burleson's Koenekamp, president of the Telegraphers' union, ordered a strike of members of the union employed by the Western Union Telegraph company in the 10 southeastern states and reports from the chief cities in that territory today showed that scores of operators as well as some clerks would quit their posts. Officials of the company at Atlanta said that with the wires again under company operation there would be a finish fight, while those of the union intimated that if necessary a nation-wide strike would be called.

Will Press Legislation.

Meantime Republican leaders planned to press for action pending legislation repealing the resolutions under which the government took control of the wire companies and the senate interstate commerce committee today continued hearings on the repeal measures with N. C. Kingsbury, vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, as a witness.

Mr. Kingsbury appeared before the committee to urge legislation continuing existing telephone rates to pay on them and establish new schedules. Mr. Kingsbury was questioned at length by members of the committee as to the result of Mr. Burleson's order.

Witness Questioned.

"The postmaster general turned back responsibility and kept control, is that the effect?" asked Senator Kellogg.

"He in effect discontinued the board of control," replied Mr. Kingsbury.

"The operating control is now with officials of the companies who are operating the lines as agents of the government."

"His order is just a piece of film-flam then?" asked Senator Kellogg.

"No," the witness replied. "I don't think that is quite fair. He has done away with the operating board. As a result of this order the companies now report directly to the wire control board."

"Then Mr. Burleson goes on just the same as he has been doing?"

"Situation Not Changed."

"We are just where we were when the wires were first taken over," Mr. Kingsbury answered.

"Then he has not turned back the wires at all," asserted Senator Kellogg.

"Wasn't the order issued for the purpose of passing the buck on the strike?" asked Senator Watson, Republican of Indiana.

"I don't know," the witness answered.

Mr. Kingsbury said the "heading" on the announcement by the postoffice department to the effect that the Burleson order returned the wires to private control was misleading and that such was not the effect of the order.

"Misconstrued," Says Burleson.

Mr. Burleson today sent to Chairman Cummins a letter declaring that his order yesterday had been misconstrued; that he had not turned back the wires to private ownership and that no such action was contemplated.

Brussels, June 6.—American soldiers and the police at last clashed on Sunday night. Three policemen and two civilians were wounded by shots that were fired during the melee. Three American soldiers, one of whom was wounded, were arrested.

Washington, June 6.—A credit of \$10,000,000 in favor of Italy was announced today by the treasury, making a total of \$1,581,200,000 for that country, and a total of \$9,590,219, 12 1/2 for all the allies.

Paris, June 6.—American officers at Coblenz, it became known here today, have refused to display posters advertising the Rhennish republic sent them by French officers. The Americans received a bundle of the posters from the French.

WESTERN U. HEAD DEFES MEN TO QUIT

Says Strikers Will Not Get Jobs Back—Walk-out in Ten States.

Washington, June 6.—Employees of the Western Union Telegraph company in 10 southeastern states, who are members of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, have been ordered to go on strike immediately.

Atlanta, Ga., June 6.—Confidence in the outcome of the strike ordered by the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America against the Western Union Telegraph company in the 10 southeastern states was expressed today by leaders on both sides.

H. C. Worthen, general manager of the southern division of the Western Union, declared in a statement that the return of the wire properties by Postmaster General Burleson "gives our executives a full and clear hand to fight to a finish and the public can trust that we will do it."

P. G. Fonville, president of the Atlanta council of the union, speaking for himself and C. F. Mann, southern organizer of the union, intimated that a nation-wide strike would be ordered should that prove necessary.

The strike in this territory was ordered last night in support of the local strike against the Western Union, which was inaugurated Wednesday in sympathy with telephone employees who went out Monday alleging discrimination against union members.

7,000 Reported Out.

Union headquarters announced that information received indicated 7,000 employees of the Western in the southeastern divisions had gone out during the day. Company officials announced there was approximately 4,700 employees on the pay roll of the southeastern division.

In New Orleans 44 members of the union were said by the company to have struck, while union officials claimed 158 were out.

Eleven out of 35 operators at the Cotton exchange failed to report for work.

Carlton Defies Workers.

New York, June 6.—Employees of the Western Union Telegraph company who joined the telegraphers' union on the assurance of the postmaster general that there would be no discrimination in regard to employees joining unions, will not be taken back if they strike, Newcomb Carlton, president of the company, said today. He pointed out that the postmaster general now had turned the Western Union over to the company "to operate as we think best for the interests of the business."

Mr. Carlton said that out of 40,000 employees only 710 belonged to the union and that the call for a strike in the southern division was meeting with practically no response.

NEWS TO WELD AMERICAS' TIE

Head of Associated Press Tells Press' Great Part in Relations of Countries.

Washington, June 6.—Frank B. Rowland, head of the Associated Press, told the Pan-American conference that the exchange of "true, ungarbled and unbiased news" between the North and South American continents, be brought about by the membership of South American newspapers in the organization, would be "more effective in cultivating and maintaining the relations of friendship and affection that should exist between the two continents of this hemisphere than all the propaganda that could be fed out by all the publicity agents that could be put to work."

Mr. Rowland explained how the Associated Press "probably the most notable cooperative effort now functioning" was in no sense a governmental agency, is forbidden by its charter to make or distribute propaganda and has always refused to handle propaganda, believing that its function was properly limited to supplying a news service to its members without bias so far as that is humanly possible. This appeal to some of the most important South American newspapers and they were received into the organization, not as customers or clients, but as full members of the cooperative organization.

Hope for Success.

"I feel sure that I am speaking for our South American as well as for the North American members in saying that we wish you God speed in your work. We hope with you for an unceasing stream of ships carrying cargo and passengers, both north and south. For us, we will see to it that a never-ending stream of news of the world's happenings, its accomplishments and its failings shall flow between the two continents so that our peoples shall know each other better, feeling sure that as they know each other they will like each other more and more."